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TOUR PACKAGES FOR TOURIST PLACES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide special package tours for various tourist places;

(b) if so, the details of each of the tour package along with the charges levied therefor; and

(c) the time by which the said tour packages are likely to be started?

Answer

(MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS) (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) The following packages have been introduced by the Indian Railways:

(i) Delhi – Shimla Package in collaboration with the Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation (HPTDC). This comprehensive package provides 4-days/5-nights tour from Delhi to Shimla and back. This includes rail travel by AC 2tier coach attached to Howra-Kalka Mail/Shivalik Deluxe Express from Delhi to Shimla and back, sight seeing, boarding and lodging by HPTDC. The charges for the package are Rs. 5,700/- for an adult and Rs. 3,050/- for a child respectively.

(ii) Another package tour to Vaishno Devi has been launched as a Pilot Project. Pilgrim tourists are offered comprehensive travel package covering rail journey by AC 3tier coach from New Delhi to Jammu and road transport between Jammu and Katra with lodging and boarding facilities during the pilgrimage. The cost of the package per adult is Rs. 2,999/- and Rs. 1, 999/- per child.

It is not possible to lay down any time limit for more packages as development of such packages is a gradual and continuous process.